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SUBJECT: JOINT U.S.-ROK STATEMENT ON SIGNING OF JSA
AGREEMENT

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM FONMIN THAT WE PROPOSE MAKING
FOLLOWING JOINT US-ROK STATEMENT ONCE JSA AGREEMENT IS
SIGNED AND ANNOUNCED BY MAC. STATEMENT WOULD BE ISSUED
BY RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN. (FYI: WE CANNOT
AGREE TO STATEMENT AT PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL.)

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WELCOME THE SIGNING OF THE
AGREEMENT AMENDING THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT AT PANMUNJOM, SEPTEMBER (BLANK)

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1976. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT THE NEW ARRANGE-

MENTS, RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PORTIONS OF THE JSA, ELIMINATING CONTACT IN THE JSA INFRINGING ON PERSONAL SAFETY, AND REMOVING THE NORTH KOREAN GUARD POSTS FROM THE UNC SIDE OF THE JSA, ARE REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS WHICH WHEN IMPLEMENTED WILL BETTER ASSURE THE SECURITY OF PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES IN THE

JOINT SECURITY AREA. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY. THEY EXPECT THAT THE SIGNATORIES OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT FOR THE OTHER SIDE WILL DO THE SAME.

OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR PART WILL CONTINUE TO AVOID PROVOCATIVE ACTS AND WILL ABIDE, AS IN THE PAST, WITH THE TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF THE DMZ AS WELL AS WITHIN THE JSA. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, THEY WILL HOLD THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE RESPONSIBLE FOR AVOIDING FUTURE PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS. AS THE RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT HAS DEMONSTRATED, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE DETERMINED TO RESPOND FIRMLY TO NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS. NORTH KOREAN LEADERS SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS FACT IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE ACTIONS.

END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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